

410 IAC 1-2.5-125 Psittacosis; specific control measures

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Affected: IC 16-41-2; IC 16-41-9

Sec. 125. The specific control measures for psittacosis (infectious agent: *Chlamydophila psittaci*) are as follows:

(1) An investigation by the local health officer shall meet the following conditions:

(A) Be performed within seventy-two (72) hours.

(B) Include:

(i) identifying the source of infection; and

(ii) implementation of control measures.

(C) Identify exposure to:

(i) psittacine birds (owned by individuals or pet shops);

(ii) occupational exposure to poultry flocks; or

(iii) processing plants;

for the previous four (4) weeks.

Identified locations for potential exposure shall be forwarded to the Indiana state board of animal health for investigation.

(2) Standard precautions are required. Coughing patients shall cough into tissue to prevent aerosolization of infectious agent.

(3) Concurrent disinfection is required for all discharges.

(4) Quarantine is not required.

(5) Immunization is not available. Protection of contacts is not applicable.

(6) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists set the standard clinical and laboratory case definition.

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